



776 N.E. 125 Street, North Miami, Florida 33161

Council Report

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Stephen Johnson, City Manager
Date: April 23, 2013
Re: Appointment of Danna F. Magloire-Fenelon, Esq. to a Four Year Term on the North Miami Housing Authority

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, APPOINTING DANNA F. MAGLOIRE-FENELON, ESQUIRE TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI HOUSING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES

REQUEST

That the Mayor and Council adopt the proposed resolution appointing Dana F. Magloire-Fenelon, Esq. to the City's Housing Authority as required by Section 421.05 of the Florida Statutes.

BACKGROUND

In July 2002, the Mayor and Council of the City of North Miami established the Housing Authority of the City of North Miami (HACNM "Authority") by virtue of Resolution number R2002-49. For almost eleven (11) years, the Authority has been dormant since a board was not formally established consistent with the Florida Statutes.

The Authority is governed by Florida Statutes, Chapter 421 which provides for the appointment of the five commissioners by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council. In accordance with the Statute, three of the commissioners who are first appointed shall be designated to serve for terms of 1, 2, and 3 years respectively; the remaining commissioners shall be designated to serve for terms of 4 years each.

Danna F. Magloire-Fenelon, Esq. appointment to the Authority will be for a term of Four (4) years beginning on April 23rd, 2013.

The Authority will serve as the entity that provides innovative solutions to redevelopment and repair of deteriorated housing within the City. In addition, the Authority will leverage the City's resources to solicit and obtain partnerships, both private and public, to develop alternative approaches to serve tenants and homebuyers within the community.

CONCLUSION

More and more Housing Authorities are being creative and innovative in their quest to reduce homelessness as well as to provide homeownership opportunities within the communities they serve. As such, staff is requesting that the Mayor and Council approve the attached resolution appointing the named individual as a commissioner of the Housing Authority of the City of North Miami.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA,
APPOINTING DANNA F. MAGLOIRE-FENELON, ESQ.,
TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF
NORTH MIAMI HOUSING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING
FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER
PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to chapter 421, Florida Statutes, Article II of the City Charter and Resolution 2002-49, (Exhibit "A"), the City of North Miami Mayor and Council created a Housing Authority to address the lack of adequate and affordable housing in the city; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 421.05(1), Florida Statutes, the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council desire to appoint Danna F. Magloire-Fenelon, Esq., as a member of the Housing Authority Commission for a four (4) year term until April 23, 2017; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall serve as a certificate of appointment to be filed with the clerk pursuant to section 421.05(1), Florida Statutes.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

Section 1. **Recitals.** The recitals in the whereas clauses are true and correct, and incorporated into this Resolution.

Section 2. **Appointment.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby appoint Danna F. Magloire-Fenelon, Esq., as a member of the City of North Miami Housing Authority Commission for a four (4) year term.

Section 3. **Powers.** Commissioner Magloire-Fenelon shall serve until a successor is duly appointed and is empowered to perform the duties as a commissioner vested under Chapter 421, Florida Statutes.

Section 4. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a _____ vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this _____ day of April 2013.

ANDRE D. PIERRE, ESQ.
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

REGINE M. MONESTIME
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote:

Mayor Andre D. Pierre, Esq.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Marie Erlande Steril	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Michael R. Blynn, Esq.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Scott Galvin	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Jean R. Marcellus	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)

DANNA F. MAGLOIRE-FENELON, ESQ.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LEGAL:

LAW OFFICES OF DANNA F. MAGLOIRE, LLC.- Miami, FL

10/2009- Present

Sole Practitioner: Specialize in Immigration, Criminal, and Family Law. Represent clients in removal proceedings and appeals through preparation of family and employment based immigrant applications and petitions. Handle post-criminal conviction relief cases, divorce, custody, and dependency cases.

HAITIAN WOMEN OF MIAMI, INC. - Miami, FL

04/2008 -10/2009

Attorney Advisor: Trial Attorney and Policy Advisor for non-profit legal services and advocacy organization. Represented Immigration clients before the Executive Office for Immigration Review during removal proceedings and appeals. Developed and taught American civics responsibility class for English and Haitian Creole speakers. Conducted monthly radio program on immigration and family law. Presented at national conferences, before legislators and other policy makers. Mobilized community rallies and vigils for Temporary Protective Status for Haitians and detainee rights. Supervised staff of paralegals and interns.

LAW OFFICES OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA- Miami, FL

07/2007 - 10/2008

Assistant Public Defender: Trial Attorney. Handled large case load in misdemeanor, felony and traffic divisions. Represented indigent clients including juveniles, mentally ill and disabled.

OTHER:

CABLEVISION - Bethpage, NY *Paralegal/Executive Legal Assistant*

7/2002 - 8/2004

EDUCATION

ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL - Miami, FL

Juris Doctorate

(5/2007)

Book Awards: Contracts, Torts, and Federal Civil Procedure

Law Review: St. Thomas University Intercultural Human Rights Law Review

Dean's Fellowship: Teaching Assistant for Contracts and Torts

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE - Garden City, NY

ABA Approved Paralegal Certificate (8/2003)

Highest Academic Area Award in Legal Studies

CITY COLLEGE, CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - New York, NY

Bachelor of Arts in Urban Legal Studies (8/2002)

Magna Cum Laude

LEGAL INTERNSHIPS:

LYTAL, REITER, CLARK, FOUNTAIN & WILLIAMS, LLP - Palm Beach, FL

10/2006 - 02/2007

LAW OFFICES OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA- Miami, FL

05/2006 - 08/2006

SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA - Tallahassee, FL *Intern to Chief Justice Barbara J. Pariente*

01/2006- 05/2006

U.S. DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA - Miami, FL *Intern to the Honorable Joan Lenard*

05/2005- 08/2005

AFFILIATIONS

FLORIDA BAR, Member

FLORIDA'S CHILDREN FIRST, Advisory Board Member

HAITIAN LAWYER'S ASSOCIATION, Member

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-49

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA CREATING A HOUSING AUTHORITY
IN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 421.04, Florida Statutes, and Article II, Section 9(11) of the City Charter of the City of North Miami, the Mayor and City Council, as the governing body of the City, is duly authorized to create a Housing Authority upon the finding of specified criteria relating to housing needs in the City; and

WHEREAS, as the statutory requirements have been found to exist in the City to support the creation of the Authority, the Mayor and City Council desire to assist the citizens of the City and the County by establishing the Authority;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

Section 1. That Mayor and City Council find that:

- (a) There are unsanitary and unsafe dwelling accommodations in the City; and
- (b) There is a shortage of safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations in the City which are available to persons of low income at rental amounts they can afford.

Section 2. That based on the above findings, the Mayor and City Council create, pursuant to Chapter 421, Florida Statutes, a Housing Authority in the City of North Miami, and that all requirements of law be followed in the establishment of the Board and Administration of the Authority. The name of the Authority shall be the Housing Authority of the City of North Miami (HACNM).

PASSED and ADOPTED by a 4-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council this 9 day of July, 2002.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY